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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 hear of the death of Robert Gaul of Alton, who passed away on
4 August 31, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Gaul was born on September 19, 1912, in
6 Alton; his parents were Philip C. and Ruth P. (Jacoby) Gaul;
7 he married Isabel C. Fundel on March 14, 1936 in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Gaul attended Alton schools and was a
9 graduate of Alton High; he received his bachelor's degree in
10 chemistry from Shurtleff College; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Gaul worked for The Telegraph newspaper
12 for 41 years, retiring in 1977; and he served his country
13 during the Second World War in the United States Coast Guard;
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WHEREAS, Robert Gaul was a member of the Evangelical
16 United Church of Christ in Godfrey, where he participated as a
17 choir member; he was instrumental in the founding of the Alton
18 Museum of History and Art; he was a charter member of the Alton
19 Kiwanis Club; he had a passion for photography and had
20 documented numerous weddings and other special occasions; he
21 was especially proud of photographing the construction of the

1 original Lock and Dam 26 and its replacement, as well as the
2 demolition of the old Clark Bridge and the construction of the
3 new bridge; and he enjoyed woodworking and was an avid river
4 historian; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Graul was preceded in death by his wife,
6 Isabel; his parents; and his brother, William Graul; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Graul is survived by his son and
8 daughter-in-law, Tim and Barb Graul; his daughters and
9 sons-in-law, Ginger and Ron Dalton, Barb and Dennis Hammond,
10 and Jeanne Truckey; his grandchildren and their spouses, Ann
11 Graul and Eduardo Valencia, Eric and Erika Graul, Cindy Dalton
12 and Mike Borts, Jeff and Christie Dalton, Christy and Justin
13 Pierce, Laura Hammond, Karen Truckey, and Sarah Truckey; his
14 great-grandchildren, Ines and Oscar Valencia Graul and Amelia
15 and Anders Graul; his sister, Marjorie Howe; his former
16 son-in-law, Bill Truckey; his nieces and nephews; his cousin;
17 and his other extended family and friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Graul; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Robert Gaul as an expression of our
2 sympathy.